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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED, D/B/A AMERITECH INDIANA PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-61 FOR A THREE-PHASE PROCESS FOR COMMISSION REVIEW OF VARIOUS SUBMISSIONS OF AMERITECH INDIANA TO SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271(C) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

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CAUSE NO. 41657

You are hereby notified that on this date, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

On May 26, 2000, the Presiding Officers in this proceeding issued a docket entry which found that the Commission's consultant, Mr. John Kern, should contact the parties and schedule the first collaborative workshop in this proceeding. The Presiding Officers encouraged parties to use the first session to develop a "Statement of Principles" which identifies general areas of understanding between parties concerning OSS performance testing.

Mr. Kern notified the Commission that this workshop has been scheduled for July 11, 2000 at 10 a.m. in Room TC-10 of the Indianapolis Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Kern also included that in addition to the Statement of Principles, a discussion would be held on how best to utilize the work currently underway in collaboratives involving other Ameritech states (i.e., OSS Master Test Plan in Michigan; Wisconsin's prehearing on the A-Y issues contained in their Statement of Principles; and Michigan's tariff collaborative which includes UNE-P, EELs and UNE Remand services) and also begin discussions on selecting a vendor(s) to perform the testing of Ameritech's OSS.

The Presiding Officers intend to issue a Procedural Order in this Cause and had intended to issue such Order prior to the first collaborative workshop. However, since it became necessary to continue the informational meeting to July 7, 2000 and the first collaborative scheduled for July 11, 2000, it is impossible to issue the Procedural Order in this Cause prior to the first collaborative. Therefore, the Presiding Officers believe it would be helpful to Mr. Kern and parties for the Commission to provide the following additional guidance concerning how the first workshop should be conducted:

Any party who wishes to participate in the workshop may do so, with the understanding that the party accepts the record as is and that each party must formally petition to intervene in this proceeding.

Everything said or provided during the workshop will be a part of the record of this proceeding.

The role of MTG in the workshop will mirror that of the IURC's permanent staff. MTG and IURC staff assigned to this proceeding may monitor the workshop to carry out their advisory functions. For example, IURC staff and MTG will attend the workshop and be allowed to ask clarifying questions. However, staff and MTG will not advocate specific positions. MTG also will be bound by the same ex parte rules that apply to IURC employees.

The workshop will be stenographically recorded and a transcript will be prepared at Ameritech Indiana's expense. The transcript of the workshop will be posted on the IURC's web site.

When the workshop is concluded, Mr. Kern is responsible for the preparation and submission of a Report, including the Statement of Principles, with the IURC no later than ten (10) business days after the conclusion of the workshop. Mr. Kern must notify the IURC within five (5) business days of the conclusion of the workshop if this deadline should be extended. Parties will also submit individual reply comments responding to the Report no later than ten (10) business days after the submission is filed with the IURC. The reply comments may include objections to, recommended changes to, and any comments on both the resolved and contested issues described in the Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Camie Swanson-Hull Commissioner

Abby R. Gray Administrative Law Judge

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Executive Secretary